

PRICES IRREGULAR AT OPENING OF MARKET

New York Traction Firm,
Notwithstanding Reaction
of Yesterday Afternoon—
Manhattan Up a Point.

American Stocks on London
Market Somewhat De-
pressed—Currency Agita-
tion Checks Speculation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Small and irregular changes in prices resulted from the initial transactions in the stock market this morning.

Notwithstanding their severe reaction yesterday afternoon, the local traction stocks were comparatively firm. Manhattan showing an initial advance of one point, while Brooklyn Rapid Transit was actively dealt in around yesterday's final prices.

Movements in the railway list were extremely irregular, but for the most part were limited to small fractions. Sugar Refining, the Steel stocks, and the other miscellaneous and industrial issues showed movements corresponding to those noted in the railway list. Amalgamated Copper was exceptionally firm.

American stocks were somewhat depressed in the London market, their tendency being probably affected by the sharp reaction in the local market in yesterday's final dealings. The operations here for foreign account were upon an inconsiderable scale.

Apprehensions of closer monetary conditions in the current month were commonly expressed and served to hold active speculation in check.

Following were the stock quotations at 1:30 p. m.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30
Amal. Copper	57 1/2	57 3/4	57 1/2	57 3/4
Am. Sugar	120 1/2	121 1/4	120 1/2	121 1/4
Atchafalpa	82 1/2	83 1/4	82 1/2	83 1/4
Atchafalpa	82 1/2	83 1/4	82 1/2	83 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	98 1/2	99 1/4	98 1/2	99 1/4
Brook. Rapid Tr.	94 1/2	95 1/4	94 1/2	95 1/4
Ches. & Ohio	46 1/2	47 1/4	46 1/2	47 1/4
Ch. M. & St. P.	175 1/2	176 1/4	175 1/2	176 1/4
Clare	33 1/2	34 1/4	33 1/2	34 1/4
Columbia	120 1/2	121 1/4	120 1/2	121 1/4
Manhattan	151 1/2	152 1/4	151 1/2	152 1/4
Met. St. Ry.	142 1/2	143 1/4	142 1/2	143 1/4
Missouri Pacific	107 1/2	108 1/4	107 1/2	108 1/4
N. Y. Central	124 1/2	125 1/4	124 1/2	125 1/4
Norfolk & West.	70 1/2	71 1/4	70 1/2	71 1/4
Pennsylvania	156 1/2	157 1/4	156 1/2	157 1/4
Reading	63 1/2	64 1/4	63 1/2	64 1/4
Rock Island	42 1/2	43 1/4	42 1/2	43 1/4
Rock Island p.f.	83 1/2	84 1/4	83 1/2	84 1/4
South. Pacific	82 1/2	83 1/4	82 1/2	83 1/4
South. Railway	32 1/2	33 1/4	32 1/2	33 1/4
Union Pacific	99 1/2	100 1/4	99 1/2	100 1/4
Union Pacific p.f.	91 1/2	92 1/4	91 1/2	92 1/4
U. S. Leather	12 1/2	13 1/4	12 1/2	13 1/4
U. S. Steel	36 1/2	37 1/4	36 1/2	37 1/4
U. S. Steel p.f.	33 1/2	34 1/4	33 1/2	34 1/4
West. Union Tel.	88 1/2	89 1/4	88 1/2	89 1/4

GOVERNMENT VICTOR IN HOLZENDORF SUIT

Justice Shepard Dismisses Petition for
Mandamus Writ Against Secre-
tary of State.

The Court of Appeals for the District, in a decision announced last yesterday by Justice Shepard, dismissed the petition of Ferdinand Holzendorf for a writ of mandamus to issue against the Secretary of State to compel him to proceed against the German Empire on behalf of Holzendorf to recover \$500,000.

The petitioner alleged in his original petition filed in the Supreme Court of the District that the German government was indebted to him in the amount named for false imprisonment. Holzendorf, who is a naturalized American citizen, said that in 1898 he returned to Germany on a visit. He was arrested by the officers of that government, he says, and was imprisoned in a lunatic asylum from May 11, 1898, until July 8, 1899.

When the matter came on for hearing before Justice Shepard in the lower court the petition was dismissed. Holzendorf took an appeal to the higher court, which affirmed the judgment given below.

SHAH OF PERSIA SENDS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT

Maj. Gen. S. B. M. Young called upon the President. He wore a gorgeous light gray cape which he had used at the German army maneuvers several months ago.

Dr. George A. Lund, U. S. N., the President's physician, called to introduce a friend.

The Persian minister, Gen. Isma Khan, saw the President for a few minutes. The diplomat said he called to pay his respects, having been specially charged by the Shah to convey to President Roosevelt his high appreciation of the latter's qualities as an official and as a man.

ESTHETIC RAILWAYS.

Cum gratia. In the general plan, equipment and application of electric power to the working of the new electric underground and elevated railways in Berlin little is presented which can be regarded as novel or especially suggestive. The one respect in which the German constructors leave others far behind and offer an object lesson worth careful study is in the artistic beauty, the architectural charm and sense of fitness, which they have imparted to the stations, the bridges and even the ordinary overhead viaduct sections of the new road. In Germany the requirements of public taste are never permitted to be neglected or forgotten. Where the new Berlin line passes through the public square it is on solid and artistically designed masonry. The above ground stations are of stone, steel and glass, no two alike, but each especially designed to fit, not only the requirements of traffic at that point, but the adjacent buildings as well—the architectural framework in which it is set. The whole management of the enterprise, from the start to finish, illustrates the wise, firm control which the municipality of Berlin maintains over corporations which ask for franchises at its hands.

ABANDONS INCENDIARY CASE AGAINST WALTER

State's Attorney, in Absence of Principal Witness, Nolle Prosequi.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 3.—In the circuit court for this county yesterday the case of the State vs. John H. Walter, of Washington, was called for trial.

The grand jury of the March term of court, 1901, brought indictments for arson against Thomas H. Pickford, John H. Walter, Granville C. Shaw, and Aaron Bradshaw, wherein they were charged with the burning of an untenanted house near Four Corners, this county, on September 11, 1897. At the term of last March the State entered a nolle prosequi in the case against Mr. Pickford.

Yesterday, when the case against Walter was called, the defense was present ready for trial, and the State, by Henry Maurice Talbot, the State's attorney, asked for a continuance because of the absence of an important witness. The court refused to grant a continuance, and, not desiring to go to trial without the main witness, Mr. Talbot entered a nolle prosequi in the case, and, like Mr. Pickford, Walter goes free.

All of the men indicted are prominent business men of Washington.

In the case of Clara Brodgen, charged with arson, the court found her guilty, and assessed a fine of \$5 and costs.

Joseph Kern was found guilty upon a charge of assault and sentenced to imprisonment in the Maryland House of Correction for six months.

GERMAN IRON AND STEEL TRADE IN BAD CONDITION

Heavy Failures Anticipated Before End
of Year—Banks Calling
in Loans.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 3.—The "Post" today hears that it is greatly feared in German financial circles that the end of the year will be attended by heavy failures in German iron and steel and kindred trades because of the large loans which these firms have obtained from the banks, and the large amount of their paper which is out.

A number of the banking firms are already calling for settlement, owing to the present condition of the money market.

Some of the German iron and steel firms, the "Post" continues, which have obtained loans in London, are trying to negotiate these amounts, but with scant prospect of success.

PELOTA MAY COME HERE.

Lovers of Athletic Sports.

A Cuban Game That Will Interest the
Lovers of Athletic Sports.

Pelota is to Spain and Latin-American countries what cricket is to the English and baseball to the Yankee.

The space devoted to the game is a rectangle about 240 feet in length by 35 feet wide, with a floor covered with tile or good hard cement, which is called the "cancha."

At one end of this rectangle is a wall of brick or stone covered with hard cement—the fronton. This wall has two metal bands, one placed one meter (39 inches) above the floor, and the other twelve meters (39 feet). The ball used in playing must strike between these two bands or the "serve" is lost.

From the left-hand corner of the fronton, and along the side of the rectangle, is another wall constructed in the same manner. This wall is called the "pared," and it has only a single metal band, the same height as the upper band of the fronton. All balls which strike above this band lose the "serve." On this wall are marked, starting from the fronton, vertical lines three or four meters apart. The spaces between these lines are called "cuadros" (squares), and their number varies from fifteen to eighteen. These lines are about as high as a man, and at their upper extremity is placed a number corresponding to the square, with the exception of the seventh, which bears the letters "Vta."

TREES DRINK LIKE HORSES.

Investigating a Plan of Irrigation on
the Capillary Attraction Principle.

Denver Post.

Irrigation on the capillary attraction principle is now being investigated by the State board of horticulture, and the Government experiment station at Fort Collins, where it is recommended that for adoption in this State. Fruit growers who have experimented with the scheme declare it to be entirely feasible and much more effective than the old way of feeding moisture to trees by way of the roots.

Flage Carter, of Park county, the first person to try the plan in this State, wrote Governor Orman some time ago explaining the method of irrigating a tree by capillary attraction. He takes a vessel, a pan or a bucket, or anything that can be tied to a tree limb and will hold water. He fills it with water and then bends a twig about the circumference of an ordinary lead pencil into the water. The liquid will be rapidly absorbed by the twig, and in turn the water will enter the limb and soon permeate every part of the tree. The problem of keeping the vessels supplied with water is a difficult one, for the reason that a half gallon of water will do as much irrigating as many cubic inches under the present plan, the adherents of the scheme claim.

PRAISE FOR POLICE FROM MAJ. SYLVESTER

Superintendent Submits His Annual Report—Estimated
That \$964,525 Will Be Required This Year.

Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, today handed to the District Commissioners the annual report of his department covering the fiscal year ended June 30 last. The first section contains the schedule of estimates for the expenses of the department for the year ending June 30, 1904, the aggregate of which is \$964,525, an increase over the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year of \$179,480. This schedule in detail was published in The Times a few weeks ago.

"By far the greatest evil existing in the District is the constant pilfering by dishonest servants, clerks, other employees, and by juveniles.

"The most deplorable affair of the year was the assault upon Mrs. Ada Dennis. The investigation will likely lead to an arrest within a short time after the close of this report.

"There were 29,542 cases of arrests during the year, of which 14,458 were white, and 15,084 colored, a slightly lower percentage of colored."

Major Sylvester reviews his former recommendation for the establishment of playgrounds for children under police supervision. He also asks, as he did in former years, that magistrates hold court in the several station houses to try minor offenses.

FIVE MILLIONS FOR STEEL PLANT EXTENSION

Automatic Machinery Will Displace
Over Half of Force at
Rolling Mills.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 3.—The plans for the extensions of plants of the United States Steel Corporation in the Pittsburgh district call for an expenditure of \$5,000,000.

The rolling mills at the "tube city" are to be dismantled and refitted with new machinery, whose automatic action will displace a number of workmen, estimated at 50 per cent of the present force.

HER UNIQUE PROFESSION.

This Woman Makes Money by Market-
ing for Other People.

Baltimore American.

In a large, fashionable suburb of a certain city a clever young woman is earning a splendid income for herself by "professional marketing." She is a woman of the "southwestern" families, but her idea may easily be adapted to almost any place and to people in moderate circumstances.

All suburbs suffer inconveniences in having the weekly supplies of edibles of which city folk never dream. The cost of everything, even in quite large towns, is invariably more than in the city, and the selection of goods is always available. Marketing in person takes up much time; orders are unreliable, and servants, if entrusted with the marketing, will deal with those shops which offer them the largest commissions, and large accounts are greatly to their profit. To be relieved of all this care and worry by having one's marketing done by an expert is a thing for which city housekeepers, as well as those living out of town, will gladly pay.

The young woman who markets professionally does not work on commission. She charges each customer \$3 per week for her services, thus assuring herself of a steady income. Incidentally, she saves each of them more than \$3 each week on their bills.

She buys in the city and she accepts no percentage from any of the dealers, thus having no selfish interest in winning the confidence of her patrons. At present she does the entire marketing for fifty families. The task is an arduous one, requiring constant vigilance and a great deal of energy. When she is not buying provisions she is haunting new shops, especially those of the wholesale dealers along the city wharves. For, though she deals principally with her name and address, she herself to become dependent on them, and is constantly on the lookout for possibly better sources of supply.

A simple calculation will show that this young woman's earnings are \$150 a week, but this is not all profit. She spends no expense in saving her strength and time and catering to the convenience of her customers. To begin with, she supplies the ladies every now and then with a number of stamped envelopes with her name and address printed on them, in which to mail their orders to her. Then, at least once in two weeks, and sometimes oftener, she sends each patron a list of the prices of the various goods in season, and the market prices of the goods at the time.

The majority of her orders reach her twice a week, on the evenings before market days. She has them sorted and arranged systematically, and is down in the city the next morning before the markets open. Before her present custom was established the different families sent their baskets to the city, as is usual, and the young woman was obliged to see that these reached the right butchers and farmers who were to return to the depot in time to catch certain trains. Now she avoids all this trouble. She deals in general with two butchers, and as she has five large orders to divide between them twice every week, they readily consent to send their wagons out of town on those days, and deliver her orders in their own baskets. No millionaire gets the attention from the tradespeople that does this young woman, but she stands by while each order is filled, examines everything placed in the baskets, sees that these are properly tagged, and examines the price list which accompanies each, so that no mistake in any direction is possible.

SONS OF REVOLUTION MEET.

The Sons of the Revolution will hold their annual meeting tonight in the Red Room of the New Willard Hotel. Reports will be read of the work for the year just closing, and officers for the ensuing year are to be elected. Patriotic speeches will be made by prominent members of the organization.

Stepped Against a Hot Stove.

A child of Mrs. George T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night, stepped back against a hot stove, which burned him severely. The child is a great gayer and his mother could do nothing to pacify him, and after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kollar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, bruises and sprains. For sale by Henry Evans, Wholesale and Retail, and all druggists.

LOOKING AFTER COMFORT OF DISABLED SOLDIERS

Quarterly Meeting of Managers of National Home Opens Today at
the New Willard.

The quarterly meeting of the managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, which is in session at the New Willard Hotel for the purpose of making estimates for the support of the home for the coming year, was called to order this morning by the presiding officer, Gen. Martin T. McMahon, of New York. Topics of discussion were confined exclusively to matters relating to the welfare of the home.

The board of managers consists of the President of the United States, the Chief Justice, the Secretary of War, ex-officio, Washington, D. C.; Gen. Martin T. McMahon, New York, N. Y.; Gen. Alfred L. Pearson, first vice president, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Col. John L. Mitchell, second vice president, Milwaukee, Wis.; Col. George W. Steele, secretary, Marietta, Ind.; Gen. Charles M. Anderson, Greenville, Ohio; Col. Sidney G. Cooke, Herkington, Kan.; Gen. Thomas J. Henderson, Princeton, Ill.; Gen. J. Marshall Brown, Portland, Me.; Major William H. Bonsall, Los Angeles, Cal.; Capt. Henry E. Palmer, Omaha, Neb.; Col. Walter P. Brownlow, Jonesboro, Tenn.

All members of the board were present at this morning's session with the exception of the first three named and Major William H. Gonsall, of Los Angeles, Cal.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

New Willard—C. W. Franzheim, West Virginia; W. T. Robinson, C. J. Aron, Pennsylvania; John Foster, Thomas Walsh, Massachusetts; J. E. Norris, New Jersey; J. W. Taylor, W. L. Taylor, J. C. Thompson, Ohio; A. Carr, West Virginia; S. C. Mead, New York; J. R. Pearson, New Jersey; W. E. Wells, Ohio; P. Godley, G. M. Miller, Pennsylvania; Daniel Willetts, New Jersey; C. M. Anderson, Ohio.

The Raleigh—B. Hall, A. S. Petty, Charleston, W. Va.; T. A. Walton, Boston, Mass.; H. C. Alright, New York.

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